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KHS EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN WICHITA

The annual meeting of the Kansas Herpetological Society will be held on Saturday, November 21, at the beautiful Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita in the Education Room. The itinerary for the meeting is:

- 9:30 - 10:00 Coffee & Donuts
- 10:00 - 10:30 Dr. Henry S. Fitch, "Snake Populations in Kansas."
- 10:30 - 11:00 John Simmons, "Amazon Orgy."
- 11:00 - 11:30 Ray Loraine, "Conservation Efforts of the Iowa Herpetological Society."
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch (The KHS Executive Council Meeting)
- 12:30 - 1:00 Joseph T. Collins, "Status of Herps in Kansas, 1981."
- 1:00 - 1:30 KHS members show their ten favorite slides
- 1:30 - 3:00 KHS Annual Auction

This year, the KHS is very fortunate to have a fine program for the annual meeting. Ray Loraine, a relatively new member of the KHS, will tell us what the Iowa Herpetological Society (IHS) has done to promote the conservation of reptiles and amphibians. One example of what the IHS has done relates to the wanton shooting of turtles (see next page of this issue for article). John Simmons, collection manager of the University of Kansas' herpetological collection, will show us some interesting slides of his adventures in the Amazon. Joseph T. Collins, known for his study of the herpetofauna of Kansas, will give us a current view of what is known in this area.

We are also very fortunate to have Dr. Henry S. Fitch on the program. Dr. Fitch, a well-known naturalist who has explored the biological world of many different groups of animals, is a pioneer in the area of ophidian ecology. For the last thirty-four years, he has carried out numerous biological investigations of the snake fauna of the KU Natural History Reservation.

Following lunch, elections for KHS officers (president, secretary/treasurer) will be held. Most of the afternoon will be devoted to the showing of your ten best slides of herps and the annual auction. Books, cages, snake hooks and bags, art objects, drawings, and anything else of a herpetological nature will be auctioned, except live herps or herp body parts. Larry Miller will donate several new KHS tee shirts, Collins will donate many herp publications, several good snake cages will also be available. Last year, there was a great interest in frozen and live mice, especially a strain of hairless mice. They will be available again this year. So, bring your items to donate, and bring money to bid on the items you want.

Be sure to attend the annual meeting, and bring a friend.